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Worshipful Masters Message

Hello from the East.

Greetings Brethren,

I would like to start by thanking all of those who volunteered to help out with the Corn beef and Cabbage dinner early in March. I think those who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed both the meal and the evening. With that business concluded and spring already here, I am pleased to say that Union #3 will be experiencing a new breath of fresh air. Aside from the usual stated communications we will have throughout the year, we also have some exciting programs coming up along with some fun team building events as well.

With fun officially on the docket, I would like to point out that we are still craftsmen and there is still plenty of work to be done by our various brothers, committees, and trustees. It may not be the most exciting work, but only if it's done can we collectively help secure the future of our lodge. With that said, happy building. Jared, WM.

Our Breakfast with Brothers breakfast out at Ihop was a success. Wish more Brothers would have been there.

Stay tuned for the next one!

Stated Meeting Dinner's

April – Michael's Masonic Taco Tuesday

May - Ian's Spectacular Masonic Meat Loaf

June – Edwards Non Award winning Spaghetti

Brothers we need a Brother to cook dinners for September – December. If you are up for the challenge please email jjesec3.

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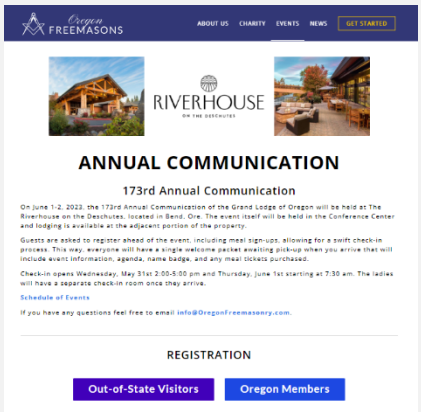

The Grand Lodge of Oregon A. F. and A. M. has opened the registration of the upcoming 173rd Annual Communication which will be held in beautiful Bend Oregon. As primary officers you are required to attend or give your proxy to a Brother of the lodge who is attending. There is a time frame for registration and there is for sure a time frame to find a Brother to carry your proxy.
https://www.oregonfreemasonry.com/annual-communication/

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April Program

WB David Tate will be giving a program on a very interesting topic at the upcoming April Stated Meeting.

Please consider attending lodge for this wonderful presentation.

Dates and Upcoming Events

Pull out your calendars Brothers

4-4-23
STATED MEETING
Dinner starts at 630PM
Program: WB David Tate "secret"

4-8-23 **DARTS!!**

5-2-23
STATED MEETING

New Events Page on Lodge Web Site
As events are announced throughout Oregon they will be added here.

Secretary's Corner

Dinners !!

Brothers remember that the Worshipful Master has restarted the dinners before lodge. Please come out for fellowship.

Dues !!

Please send in your dues for 2023 if you have not done so. NPD report has to be given at the October Stated Meeting of every year.

EXCITING UPDATE FROM WB FRANK BLAIR IN BRISTOL UK

Permission to print this was given by WB Frank

Harry Potter and the Lost Half-Decade Vol 2: Viva Voce.

I was going to post something earlier, but to be honest, my brain has been pretty much fried most of the day since it ended and I had something of an adrenaline crash mid-afternoon.

We started at 10:30am, took a 15-minute break at 12:15pm, and wrapped up at about 1:20pm. It didn't seem long at the time, but it was a solid, intense discussion of the material. I enjoyed it. Good, probing questions and just a solid, fun chat with subject matter experts in the time, place, and flavor of the research I've been doing.

Fortunately for most people who do this sort of thing, I imagine, it's not a simple pass/fail.

There are 'levels' of pass:
Pass no revisions.
Pass with minor revisions.
Pass with major revisions.
Refer/Resubmit
... and levels of fail...
Fail *

Nope, that ain't gonna work.
Um… what did I just read?
You're joking, right?

Given the fact that I had to pivot my research, construct an entirely new thesis, and crank out 75k words (77.2k in the end) in 18 months rather than the customary 36-48 months... all without venturing outside of the flat...
I'm pretty pleased that I was passed with major revisions.

It was on the cusp. We, the examiners and I, banged around the idea of 'minor revisions', and they were amenable to that. But we eventually jointly agreed that taking the 'lower' level pass and the extra time to revise that comes with it would be better for the product. Gives it some of the breathing and percolating room to tighten it up that I didn't have going in. Overall, got high marks for ideas and findings and what I was able to pull off, data-wise, in the time.

The important thing is the 'pass'. That means that the work has crossed the basic hurdle of being PhD quality, making an 'original and significant contribution to the body of knowledge'.

So, I'm taking the weekend off from thinking about it too much. Monday I'll start organizing and plowing through notes to dig into the revisions.

* From what I'm given to understand, 'fail' is fairly rare, being reserved for fundamentally flawed projects. One might also be reorganized into a lower research degree or something like that.

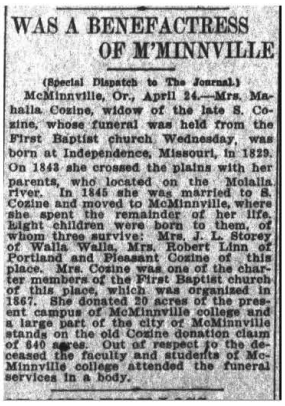
McMinnville Masonic Cemetery
Character Study – Mahala Arthur Cozine
Written by Johnny J. Edwards Sexton MMC © 2023

In honor of Women's History Month I would like to share a short character study of one lady of many who shaped the early Oregon Territory.

Mahala Arthur Cozine was born to Emeline Malone Arthur and William David Arthur on February 4, 1829, in Independence Missouri[1].

In 1843 the Arthur family along with more than 1,000 other men, women and children set out on a difficult journey to the Oregon Territory. Mahala was only 14 years old and from available records it appears she was the middle child of three siblings. With her sister Pricilla Arthur Constable traveling in the same wagon train with her newly married husband it can be assured that it was her primary responsibility to look after and assist with the care for her 12 year old brother William, wagon, and oxen.

In October 1843 the wagon train arrived at the falls of the Willamette what is now known as Oregon City. It is unsure at what point the Arthur family left the wagon train to start their new lives. It is recorded that Newby (presumably William Newby who founded McMinnville Oregon) went farther northwest and arrived at Fort Vancouver by boat which they boarded at the Willamette Falls. The Arthurs might have accompanied the Newby's.



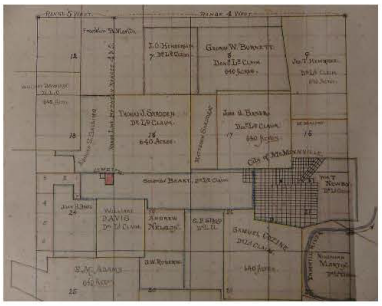
WAS A BENEFACTRESS OF M'MINNVILLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., April 24.—Mrs. Mahala Cozine, widow of the late S. Cozine, whose funeral was held from the First Baptist church Wednesday, was born at Independence, Missouri, in 1829. On 1843 she crossed the plains with her parents, who located on the Molalla river. In 1845 she was married to S. Cozine and moved to McMinnville, where she spent the remainder of her life. Eight children were born to them, of whom three survive: Mrs. J. L. Storey of Walla Walla, Mrs. Robert Linn of Portland and Pleasant Cozine of this place. Mrs. Cozine was one of the charter members of the First Baptist church of this place, which was organized in 1867. She donated 20 acres of the present campus of McMinnville college and a large part of the city of McMinnville stands on the old Cozine donation claim of 640 acres. Out of respect to the deceased the faculty and students of McMinnville college attended the funeral services in a body.

In 1845 at the age of 16 years old Mahala married Samuel Marcellius Cozine whom she met on the same wagon train west two years earlier. At some point during their early years they migrated to the county of Yamhill, and it was here that they decided to purchase a donation land claim and raise their family in the 1860's.

Her importance to the growth of McMinnville Oregon and the state of Oregon can be shown by her obituary. "Was a Benefactress of McMinnville".



Without the gesture of her donation to the campus of the McMinnville College which is now known as Linfield College, McMinnville and Yamhill County would be less prosperous than it is today. Much of the land that McMinnville now occupies was originally the Cozine Donation Land Claim.

Samuel and Mahala Cozine's home still stands in downtown McMinnville and is part of the city office buildings and the creek that runs through the city of McMinnville is named Cozine Creek.

Mahala died on April 20, 1908, 65 years after she arrived in the Oregon Territory as a young girl. Samuel and Mahala are buried within the McMinnville Masonic Cemetery in McMinnville Oregon.

1 https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/123509325/mahala-cozine

UPCOMING EVENTS

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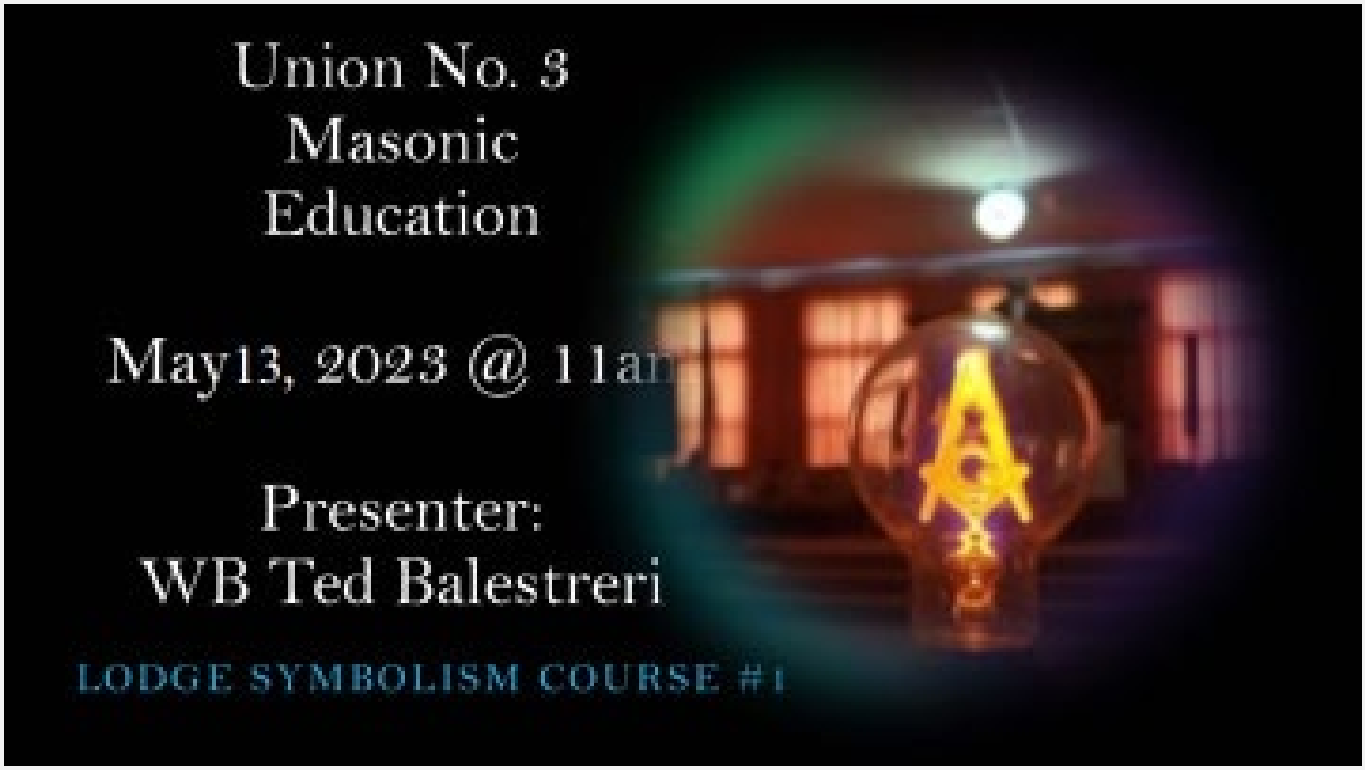
DART
TOURNAMENT
April 8, 2023 @ 4pm
Union No. 3
Masonic Hall
Snacks and Beverages Provided
$5.00 Donation winner gets the
Kitty!!


Union No. 3
Masonic
Education
May13, 2023 @ 11am
Presenter:
WB Ted Balestreri
LODGE SYMBOLISM COURSE #1

MASONS AT NIGHT

ENJOY A NIGHT OF MERRYMAKING AND POOL
AT THE OAK IN MCMINNVILLE

ALL MASONS OF AGE WELCOME INCLUDING
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS
EVENT ORGANIZED BY UNION #3

20 TH **MAY** AT **8:00** PM

OPEN ALL NIGHT LONG | +21 EVENT